

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-20 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 13, and 16 were amended and claim 21 was added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claim 13 to correct for any informalities and respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection in light of this amendment.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims & 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Rosler* (U.S. Patent No. 4,210,253). Claims 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 94/24008 (WO '008). Claims 9, 13, 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Redlinger* (U.S. Des. Patent No. 433,562). Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Redlinger* (U.S. Des. Patent No. 433,562). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Amended claim 1, from which claims 2-7 depend, recites a battery storage case comprising a first projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a first opening portion, a second projection train formed on an outer surface of said main body near a bottom surface, and a third projection train formed on an inner surface of a lid portion, wherein the third

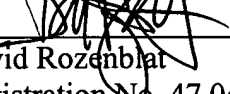
projection train is adapted to engage one of the first projection train and the second projection train, wherein a through-hole is formed through the head portion of said lid portion, and wherein the main body stores a battery. None of the above-cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or even suggest a battery storage case comprising first second and third projection trains, wherein a third projection train is adapted to engage one of a first projection train in a second projection train, and wherein the main body stores *a battery*. For example, *Redlinger* discloses a lip balm key chain having a first portion adapted to engage a second portion, wherein the first portion has a hole and a key ring fitted through that hole. *Redlinger* does not disclose a projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a bottom surface, as required by claim 1. Additionally, neither *Rosler* nor WO '008 teach or disclose a main body which stores *a battery*.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious the applied references, either alone or in combination. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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